

turn. If her turret had broken loose off the ship, she might have been lost. The Navy Department gave out the following statement regarding the matter this afternoon:

"The Indiana returned to-day to Hampton Roads, having made a run with the squadron. When she went out this time she had with her a new looking device for her turret, lately put on at New York, and which was intended to remedy the trouble she had with the turret. This present device has three times the strength of the former one. Very properly the officers of the ship have been cautious and observant as to its workings, and she has returned to the Roads for a further inspection of it and possible readjustment.

"Her former trouble was occasioned to some extent by her rolling in the very heavy sea which she then encountered, and it is possible she might not be unusually rough sea. When the Indiana and Massachusetts were designed they had on, as is usual, a turret which was not very high, but very unfortunately all the docks up to the one just completed at New York were not of sufficient capacity to dock any of these ships with blue keels. But, anticipating the construction and finishing of the dock at New York, the department now time ago ordered blue keels to be made ready for all of these ships, and such keels will be placed in position as soon as possible.

"Great Britain had a similar experience with her battle ships before such keels were put in. The Queen of the Resolution is well known to the profession all over the world. The department expects to have the Indiana again at sea in a few days."

TORPEDO BOAT A FLYER.

New No. 6, at Her Builder's Trial, Shows a Speed of Nearly Thirty-three Miles an Hour.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 5.—Torpedo boat No. 6, to-day developed the fact that she can easily attain a mean speed of twenty-nine knots. This means that she made just short of thirty-three miles an hour and went at the rate of a mile in 1 minute 50 1/2 seconds for her best speed.

She further demonstrated that, although differing from department ideas in many respects, the principle on which she was constructed is correct. She was a builder's speed trial to-day.

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developed a mean speed of 29.76 knots.

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